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(Docket No. 439300)

the Application of:

David S. Utterberg) Customer No. 27717
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Apparatus)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of January 11, 2006 and the requirement for restriction, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group 1, claims 1-37 of this Application.

It is believed that claims 1-37 are patentable, and allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's attorney consents to the cancellation of claims 38-40, subject to the filing of a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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